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Laser activity from pyrromethene-BF<sub>2</sub> complexes and nitro derivatives of benzotriazolo[2,1-a]benzotriazole was discovered and reported.

Certain pyrromethene-BF<sub>2</sub> dyes were superior to rhodamine-6G and thereby became the most power efficient laser dyes known. The results were described in Technical Reports 1, 2, and 4.

Fluorescence was enhanced and laser activity introduced by substitution in benzotriazolo[2,1-a]benzotriazole to give certain nitro derivatives. The results were described in Technical Report 3.

## Technical Reports

- 1. Laser Action from 2,6,8-trisubstituted-1,3,5,7-tetramethyl-pyrromethene-BF<sub>2</sub> complexes: part 2
- 2. Pyrromethene-BF<sub>2</sub> Complexes as Laser Dyes: 2
- 3. Luminescent Nitro Derivatives of Benzotriazolo[2,1-a]benzotriazole
- 4. Laser Dye Spectroscopy of Some Pyrromethene-BF<sub>2</sub> Complexes

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